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- continuation patent application of
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- continuation-in-part patent application of

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**For: VIDEO/AUDIO INFORMATION RETRIEVING APPARATUS AND METHOD**

[ X ] This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:  
Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-244010 filed August 7, 2000,

the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.

[ ] Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: "This application is a [ ] continuation [ ] continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. 60/\_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference."

Enclosed are:

- 26 page(s) of specification
- 5 page(s) of claims
- 1 page of Abstract
- 10 sheet(s) of [ X ] formal [ ] informal drawing(s).

An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_

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A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 [ ] was enclosed [ ] was filed in the prior application and small entity status is still proper and desired.

A certified copy of a \_\_\_\_\_ application.

Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97.

A petition to extend time to respond in the parent application.

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